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Demonstration Notice:

Skopje police have reported that 4-5 busses of workers (approximately 300 - 400) will travel from Kumanovo to Skopje today to stage a protest. The protestors will gather at the "Alkaloid" factory at about 10.30- 11.00 and walk to the Government building. The protestors are expected to be in front of the Government at about noon. Police stated that opposition political affiliates might join the protestors but were not certain at this point. If so the number of protestors will go higher.

No violence is expected during the protest. Police will redirect traffic from the streets where the protestors are expected to walk. The march will begin at the Alkaloid Factory on the street passing in front of Skopje Fair. It will continue on the street passing the Courts/University then along the street passing the Skanderbeg monument. The protest will then follow the street passing the Goce Delcev bridge and finally along Ilindenska Street in front of the Government building.

Demonstrations take place in Macedonia from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

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